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Calgary Zoo tiger Samkha and his brother, Vasili, are heading to Winnipeg. It's time for the rambunctious pair to move out of their mother's den, a curator told Metro on Tuesday. See story, page 8. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

# New half-priced lunchtime parking coming to core

**Spring rollout.** Areas offering discounts downtown less used by motorists



JEREMY NOLAIS

Calgary's downtown lunchtime crowd could soon park on the cheap if they've got the right combination of technology and a willingness to walk a few extra blocks.

The city's parking authority plans to offer half-priced rates in certain zones of the core this spring from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in a bid to better spread out vehicles that tend to vie for the same stalls.

The thinking is areas where parking spaces are generally few and far between would see their rates remain the same, but areas less trolled by those heading to an appointment or meeting with friends for a bite would see their charges slashed, according to general manager Troy McLeod.

"Downtown is vibrant over the lunch hour," he said in an interview Tuesday. "There's a lot of activity, however, there is space available. (It's) just not necessarily at immediately adjacent locations to where people are going."

McLeod's team observed parking stall occupancy from July to October last year and found that where some downtown zones are 80 per cent or more full over the lunchtime period, others see less than half of their spaces filled. As well, one downtown core area and another in Eau Claire saw nearly 20 per cent usage spikes when compared with data from the same assessment in 2012.

Anyone taking advantage of the half-priced deal will need to be a registered ParkPlus member and would benefit greatly from downloading the authority's MyParking app, Mc-Leod said, as a feature is being added that allows motorists to see real-time rates in various areas of the city.

Dickson Li, a manager at Sliver Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown, said he suspects most of his noon-hour crowd are businesspeople within walking distance.

"People find the parking down here very expensive," he said. "If it's cheaper, more people will come downtown ... it would be nice to get more people from other places."

The parking authority had originally planned to roll out discounted lunchtime parking last summer but it was delayed as Calgary recovered from June's historic flood.

McLeod said a formal launch date was still being worked out but the cheaper rates will be introduced in the spring.

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#### Saved from septic tank

#### Alberta woman visiting Arizona rescues airl

An Alberta woman is being credited with helping to save a two-year-old girl who fell into a septic tank in Arizona.

Chelsea Cunningham of Sundre was visiting Maricopa south of the border and was at a farmers market on Saturday when the toddler tumbled into the tank. The girl had been chasing her dog when she stepped on the receptacle's cover, which was cracked and flipped open. She fell inside and began drowning in the sewage.

Two men dived in and managed to pull the girl out. Cunningham used CPR to revive the girl. The little one was rushed to hospital where she was expected to recover. The trio were being honoured Tuesday with a life-saving award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Crowfoot-Dalhousie

#### **NW** transit line out of service

Northwest CTrain users are being warned there's likely no morning LRT service between Crowfoot Station and Dalhousie Station on Wednesday.

The closure is being blamed on a collapsed overhead wire at the Crowfoot Station. Transit officials plan to roll out at least 30 shuttle buses while repairs are being made.

"It's a busy line," transit spokesman Ron Collins said. "We carry thousands of people on that line."

It's unclear when the fix will be done.

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Parents are still invited to discuss changes to school report cards at the Calgary Board of Education's Education Centre, seen here, on Wednesday evening despite no input from the organization's senior officials. METRO FILE

### Parents on the outs of report card decision?

#### Word-based grading.

CBE postpones presentation on contentious changes, will go before trustees first



**JEREMY NOLAIS** remy.nolais@metronews.ca

Word that Calgary public school officials pulled out of a presentation on new report cards last-minute fuelled parent fears Wednesday that they will have no say on how their youngsters are graded.

But Calgary Board of Education officials maintained they simply need more time to prepare, given that some schools have only begun "initial work" on the matter.

Those same senior executives delayed rolling out wordbased kindergarten to Grade 9 report cards in the fall amid parent outcry that using words like "emerging" and "evident" to describe student achievement was confusing and did little to prepare them for senior-level education, where letter and numerical grading still

reign supreme.
The CBE was to update parents on the report card process Wednesday evening during a meeting held by the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils (CAPSC) but informed the group Monday afternoon they were postponing, according to President Jeff Bowes.

Mother Amber Abbott had hoped to get some answers on the matter, given that she has one child in Grade 7 and another in kindergarten. She said principals at both her kids schools are saying little about potential changes, despite urging from CBE executives that parents wishing to provide feedback contact their schools.

"It feels like they've made their decision - based on what? I'm not exactly sure," she said.

Abbott said the issue holds enough importance to parents that she would support turning to an outside consulting firm to assess public opinion, much like the board did in 2012 while attempting to determine how best to charge busing fees.

#### Wednesday meeting

The Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils (CAPSC) will still discuss the future of report cards at its Wednesday meeting despite not having Calgary Board of Education officials available to present and field questions. That meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the Education Centre, located at 1221—8th Street SW.

Progress on changing report cards will now be presented first to publicly elected trustees in a February meeting, according to a statement provided by the organization.

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#### Oh, husband ...

#### Million-dollar Christmas gift for one lucky Calgarian

Bui Phan received a \$1-million gift this Christ-

The Calgary woman's husband gave her a Lotto 6-49 ticket that turned out to be one of five guaranteed winners in the lottery's \$1-million prize draw on Dec. 25.

"I was so excited," she said, recalling the moment she and her husband checked the ticket online and realized they had won.

The couple plans to use the winnings to pay off their mortgage and other bills.

"I think I'll take some time to relax," Phan added. METRO



#### Take that, Toronto

### Calgary recognized as sporting city

On the heels of international coverage on being a great place to visit, this city's also being recognized for its local sports. Calgary was added to the 2014 Ultimate Sports City list. Vancouver is the only other Canadian city included. METRO

#### Sequencing

#### Lab isolates H5N1 from victim

Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory has isolated live H5N1 virus from respiratory specimens taken from an Alberta woman who died from the strain. The Winnipeg lab is working in collaboration with Alberta's provincial lab to sequence the virus's genome. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Proposed changes

#### Unions fear for their benefits

Alberta union leaders say proposed changes to public-sector pension plans will result in benefits being slashed by 25 per cent. They say Finance Minister Doug Horner is proposing the changes to deal with a crisis in unfunded pension liabilities that isn't really a crisis at all. THE CAMADIAN PRESS

# Working on the night shift with transit's peace officers

**Jump aboard.** Officials recruiting a few good men and women



Stationed at a downtown LRT platform, eagle-eyed peace officer Heather Ribey spots a down-and-out rider as the CTrain goes whooshing by.

Ribey and her partner board the train to find one of their "regulars" slumped over on his seat. The towering passenger takes a derisive tone to being ousted off the westbound line.

After being dealt a firm-butfair response from the officers, the once-unruly rider concedes he's just drunk and seeking help at a nearby homeless shelter.

The run-in even winds down with a few laughs.

"People skills are a major asset," Ribey said. "If you do taekwondo, that's fine. But being able to de-escalate a situation is a way better asset."

People skills are one attribute Calgary Transit officials will be looking for as they fill some 16 peace officer spots.

And whereas those jobs were once seen as a stepping stone to other law-enforcement agencies, some of the rank-and-file suggest it's increasingly becoming a career gig.

Specialized units have been formed to tackle graffiti and fare dodging, and future diversification is planned.

"We don't just write tickets," Vikram Kulkarni said on a late-night ride-along with Metro. "We are now responsible for policing duties across the transit system."

For anyone interested in signing up, Kulkarni pointed to education, experience and — most importantly — strong communication skills as key prerequisites.

Thick skin helps, too. Kulkarni acknowledged

Kulkarni acknowledged he's been called everything

#### Interested

- The final peace officer recruiting session is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bow Valley College.
- In November, city council approved eight new peace officer positions at the cost of roughly \$700,000.
   Eight more open positions could be backfilled.
- Officers generally work 10.5-hour shifts

from a rent-a-cop to a security guard. Harsher insults centre on race, religion and gender.

Still, he contends 99 per cent of the interactions go smoothly as long as people are "treated with respect."

"People know they've made a mistake and there's consequences for the choices they've made," said Kulkarni, adding most people just want to be acknowledged.



### Noisy device offers peace of mind before noisy babe



Most people wouldn't be too fond of a device that occasionally goes off like a siren in the middle of the night, but for Lauren Moore, it's a welcome sound

"If anything, I'm feeling grateful that it's caught something that I can treat and deal with," said the expectant mother with Type 1 diabetes. "The baby's development doesn't stop at two in the morning."

Moore is part of a study looking at how continuous glucose monitors, implanted under the skin and connected wirelessly to an external device, might help pregnant women manage their bloodsugar levels.

That's particularly important in the early stages of pregnancy and even just prior to conception, as high blood sugar levels can increase the risk of birth defects.

"There's a tremendous amount of very important fetal development at that point in time," said Dr. Lois Donovan, a principal investigator in the Calgary arm of the international study.

#### Wanted

60

Researchers are looking for up to 60 women in the Calgary area who may become pregnant or who are in the early stages of pregnancy to take part in the study.

The device doesn't entirely replace the traditional fingerprick method, but provides real-time data on blood-sugar trends, which Moore said is especially helpful when you're regnant.

"The hormones in pregnancy affect how your body usually reacts to insulin," she said

Donovan said she was motivated to undertake this research because of the challenges expectant moms with diabetes face.

"It's really hard," she said.
"Hats off to women who do
this, because it's really hard."

For more information on the study and how to participate, call 403-955-8358.

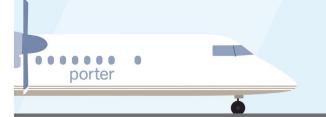
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## Players fuelled by pink power during Minor Hockey Week

**Doing it for hockey moms.** Team embraces challenge to show support for mothers with breast cancer



Persuading a pack of boys to wear pink can be challenging at the best of times — let alone during Calgary's largest hockey tournament.

But that's exactly what one association head has challenged his entire organization to do after three hockey moms were diagnosed with cancer this season. So far, four teams have answered the call during Minor Hockey Week.

"The boys were a bit apprehensive about wearing pink," writes president Kevin Morris in his letter to the Bow River Bruins Hockey Association on Sunday.

That includes the 10-yearolds on his son's team. However, the atom-level players found the more pink they wore, the more goals seemed to end up in the back of the net.

To top it off, the salmon-clad squad scored the game-winning goal with under two minutes to go in the third period.

"Soon it wasn't just the sticks, they were putting it on their gloves and helmets and screaming 'pink power' on the bench," Morris told Metro on Tuesday.

While the Bruins' teams are at various points of the tournament, Morris said he extended his challenge for the rest of the season. He hopes to encourage the youngsters to think about how breast cancer affects all the members of their family.

Of course, especially mothers in one of the most frenetic times of the hockey season.

"Let's face it — moms make the hockey season work," Morris said.



Bow River Bruins atom-level hockey players show off their pink-styled equipment as part of a cancer-awareness campaign. Association president Kevin Morris has challenged all teams in his organization to make a similar move the rest of the season. COURTESY TRENT MORITCHIE

### Neil Young. Concert in Calgary now sold out

Tickets sold out Tuesday to the final concert in Neil Young's Honour the Treaties tour, set to take place Sunday in Calgary.

Just three of the 1,798 seats in the Jack Singer Concert Hall remained available as of 1:45 p.m., and by late afternoon those individual tickets — each priced at \$253 — had been snapped up.

The bulk of the tickets were sold almost immediately after going on sale on Dec. 13, said Shelley Bellchamber, director of public affairs at the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts.

"It was a very fast uptake," she said. "The phones were ringing off the wall. I went down there, and there was a lineup 20-people deep at the box office when it opened."

Among the eager crowd was Reynold Reimer.

"The tool for buying tickets online didn't seem to be working so we got our asses down there," he said Tuesday.

While not the biggest Neil Young fan, Reimer said he has long been an outspoken critic of unfettered oilsands development and wanted to support



Neil Young speaks about his Honour the Treaties tour in Toronto on Jan. 1: Young's anti-oilsands message hasn' been well received in Calgary, but he will nevertheless be playing to a packed house at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on Jan. 26.

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the cause behind the musician's tour. His wife Mary Nokleby, who ran for the Alberta NDP in Calgary West in the 2012 election, also agrees with the message behind Young's tour but said she's going as much for his music as his politics.

"If you're of a certain age, Neil Young is an icon," she said. "He's as Canadian as it gets." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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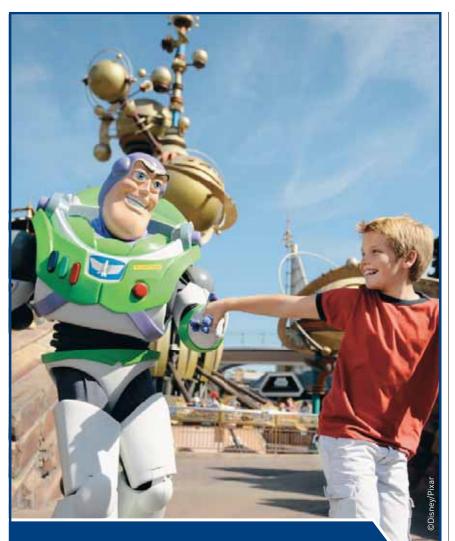
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# Tigers head off to earn their stripes

#### Move to Winnipeg.

Zoo bills the brothers' quest as key to survival of endangered species



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Zoo-goers have only days left to say "do svidaniya" to the park's Siberian tiger brothers, with the Calgary-born cats bound for Winnipeg this week.

Keeper Colleen Baird acknowledged that two-year-old Samkha and Vasili will be missed, but contended the boys must now sow their wild oats away from home.

#### Leaving the nest

"It's time for them to go and find a territory and girl of their own — all that kind of grown-up stuff." Keeper Colleen Baird

"It's time for them to go and find a territory and girl of their own — all that kind of grown-up stuff," Baird said Tuesday.

The Siberian or Amur tiger is considered a highly endangered species, with only up to 400 left in the wild, according to a census. With that in mind, zoo officials billed the move an important part of the species' survival efforts.

Sibling Kira, meanwhile,

will remain behind — along with parents Baikal and Katja, as well as Kita.

That group will stick around until Kira gets the thumbs-up to breed. Baird suggested Katja is serving as a good role model for her now adult-sized cubs.

"She teaches them how to hunt ducks," she said. "She's doing her motherly thing and showing them how to be cats."

Michelle Ralp, her husband and the couple's two-year-old daughter were saddened to hear of the impending departure.

"It's sad because they're beautiful," Ralp said Tuesday.

The tigers are expected to make a smooth transition to the Assiniboine Park Zoo, according to Baird.



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### Stationery. Clement pays back taxpayers for second set of fancy business cards

Among Tony Clement's stack of Christmas bills this year was one to pay taxpayers back for a second set of gold-embossed business cards that broke government rules.

Clement, the Treasury Board president, used his personal credit card last week to reimburse his department \$195.98 for cards that were ordered back in 2011, when he first took the cabinet post.

The Jan. 8 payment was in addition to the \$434 he reimbursed taxpayers last month for another set of forbidden gold-embossed cards.

Clement has now paid back \$630 for improper stationery, which he says was ordered in error by a staff



Each set of his cards featured the Arms of Canada decorated with gold leaf, a costly stationery option that has been banned across government since 1994.

### Political finance probe. Firm owned by MP Del Mastro's cousin searched

Two people who contributed to MP Dean Del Mastro's 2008 election campaign told investigators they were reimbursed at a profit by a company owned by the MP's cousin, court documents show.

The donations were part of an alleged scheme to skirt political financing rules by concealing the fact they were made by a corporate donor.

The evidence forms part of an ongoing investigation by the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections into the activities of Deltro Electric Inc. and its president, David Del Mastro.

Former Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro, who now sits as an Independent, is not a subject of the investigation. No charges have been laid in the case, and the allegations have not been tested in court.

Heavily redacted court documents related to a search warrant request were released this week. Investigators, backed by a technical unit of the RCMP, searched the offices of Deltro in Mississauga, Ont., last fall.

In addition to receiving a \$50 bonus with the reimbursement, those who allegedly participated in the scheme could also apply for a tax credit. Investigators estimated the credit at \$558 per person.

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#### World Wide Worries? U.S. Congress

#### **Budget bill could** effectively ban horse slaughter

Lawsuits that have repeatedly delayed the opening of horse slaughterhouses in New Mexico and Missouri could be moot if the budget bill up for a vote in Congress this week passes.

The bill released Monday would effectively reinstate a federal ban on horse slaughter by cutting funding for inspections at equine facilities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **U.S.** net neutrality rules set aside by appeals court

In a decision that could reshape Americans' access to online content, a federal appeals court Tuesday set aside FCC rules designed to ensure that transmission of all Internet content be treated equally.

The rules have barred broadband providers from prioritizing some types of Internet traffic over others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Soldiers'

The Mexican government moved in to quell violence between vigilantes and a drug cartel in Michoacan state, but the campaign turned deadly

early Tuesday in the town of Antunez, with a confrontation between soldiers and civilians who witnesses say were unarmed.

There were varying reports of casualties, but journalists saw the bodies of two men said to have died in the clash, and spoke to the family of a third man who was reportedly killed in the same incident. No women or children died,

contrary to earlier reports.

The government sent more troops and federal police late Monday to retake an area known as the Tierra Caliente after days of violence between the vigilantes and the Knights Templar cartel. Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong urged the vigilantes to put down their arms and return home, saying the government would not tolerate anyone breaking the law.

The confrontation occurred after townspeople were called to meet a convoy of soldiers who they were told were coming to disarm the self-defence group. Witnesses said the group did not carry guns, but as they blocked the convoy, some soldiers fired into the crowd.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# This July 8, 2004, photo shows a Mexican federal agent crawling through a hidden tunnel, presumably used to transport drugs from Mexico to the U.S. The job of searching these networks can be dangerous, so the U.S. Border Patrol is unveiling its latest technology in the underground war — a wireless, camera-equipped robot that can do the job in a fraction of the time. DAVID MAUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

### Mexican drug tunnels and the robots that patrol them

#### **U.S. border security.**

With cartels turning to subterranean methods to smuggle drugs into the U.S., officials turn to technology to stop them

As U.S. border security has tightened, drug cartels have turned to tunnelling beneath the ground to avoid detection.

Nearly 170 tunnels have been found nationwide since 1990, most along the Arizona and California border with Mexico. The job of searching these networks can be dangerous, so the U.S. Border Patrol is unveiling its latest technology in the underground war – a wireless, camera-equipped robot that can do the job in a fraction of the time.

Tunnel construction ranges from extremely rudimentary to very sophisticated, with lights, supports and ventilation. They can range from a few feet to nearly a kilometre

Labourers hired by cartels use hoes and shovels to gouge out soil and load the dirt into buckets that are brought back out of the tunnel's starting point in Mexico, and smugglers have dug dozens of tunnels in Nogales, Ariz., that tie

into the city's storm drainage system.

For sophisticated tunnels, cartels hire engineers and miners. Officials estimate that the more sophisticated tunnels cost between \$2 million to \$3 million to build.

Smuggling groups use tunnels to move drugs, guns and people who want to sneak across the U.S. border, though traffickers are sometimes selective about what they will move through their tunnels.

So-called tunnel robots have been in use by Border Patrol for several years. They can safely navigate through corrugated pipes, tunnels, and drainage systems while

from the surface, seeing what the robot sees on a handheld screen. The robots are used, in part, as a safety measure to keep agents out of harm's way as many tunnels can be poorly built and possibly collapse and lack proper ventilation. They also can navigate an

underground labyrinth in a fraction of the time it would take an agent to explore the tunnel. Some of the newer robots, which weigh about 5.5 kilograms and can navigate through passageways that are only several feet wide, are being deployed this year across southern Arizona and California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Violence in Mexico

### confrontation with civilians turns deadly

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#### China

#### Doctor gets death for selling babies

A Chinese court on Tuesday convicted a doctor of baby trafficking and sentenced her to death with a two-year reprieve, after she admitted that she stole babies from the hospital where she worked and sold them.

Zhang Shuxia, an obstetrician, told parents their newborns had congenital problems and persuaded them to give them up, according to a court in Shaanxi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Breaking Bad

#### Meth dealers mimic TV show

Kevin Abar, assistant special agent in charge of Home Security Investigations in New Mexico, says distributors are selling blue-tinted meth in the Four Corners — mirroring the hit drama Breaking Bad. Abar says tinting meth is a branding technique but noted the blue meth is making people sick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Quebec government settles in for lengthy charter fight

**Entrenched.** Party is ready to trumpet ban on religious symbols if election is called

The Quebec government insists it won't back down on its values charter and is ready to make it an election issue if need be.

Yet the minister responsible for the proposed legislation said Tuesday that such a scenario would clearly be the fault of the two main opposition parties.

Bernard Drainville said the Liberals and the Coalition for Quebec's Future have made it clear they will vote against the provincial budget, which is expected in a few months.

That would topple the Parti Québécois minority government and trigger a provincewide vote, which would



likely take place before the charter is voted on.

"That would effectively mean the CAQ (the Coalition) and the Liberals would be making the charter an election issue," Drainville told reporters as public hearings began in Quebec City on the divisive Bill 60.

The bill would forbid public employees from wearing

visible religious symbols including hijabs, turbans, kippas and large crucifixes.

Both Drainville and Premier Pauline Marois reiterated Tuesday the government will not be swayed.

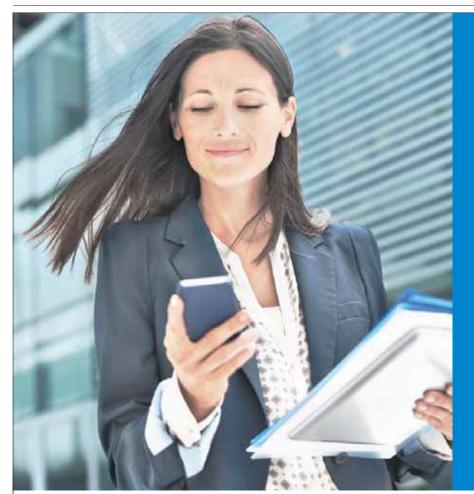
Banning "overt religious signs is something we're sticking to," Marois said in Montreal. "It's a basic part of the project."

Drainville said the religious neutrality of the state must be "visible, apparent and concrete."

While Drainville never uses the word "firing," the consequences for employees who flout the law are clear.

"If a government worker considers the wearing of religious signs during work hours to be more important than the religious neutrality of the state and the respect for law, it will be their choice," he said.

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#### **Activists: Anti-gay** law will cause rise in persecution

First the police targeted gay men, then tortured them into naming dozens of others who are now being hunted down, human rights activists said Tuesday, warning that such persecution will rise under a new Nigerian law.

The men's alleged crime? Belonging to a gay organization. The punishment? Up to 10 years in jail under the Same Sex Marriage Prohibition Act, which has elicited international condemnation for criminalizing gay marriage and gay organizations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### South Sudan

#### Many drown trying to flee violence

A boat carrying civilians desperately fleeing heavy vio-lence in South Sudan sank while crossing the Nile River, killing some 200 people, a military official said Tuesday, as fighting between rebels and government forces moved

closer to the capital. Warfare in the world's newest state has displaced more than 400,000 people since mid-December, with the front lines shifting as loyalist troops and renegade forces gain and lose territory in battles often waged along ethnic lines. Nearly 10,000 people have been killed in the latest fighting, according to an International Crisis Group analyst. The associated press

#### Italy

#### **Anti-immigrant** party under fire

The newspaper of Italy's anti-immigrant Northern League party has come under fire for a new feature listing the daily whereabouts of the country's first black cabinet minister. Ever since her appointment

in April, Cécile Kyenge has faced racist taunts from Northern League politicians and activists. She has earned the League's wrath by promising to change Italy's restrictive immigration and citizenship policies and arguing that immigrants are a resource that Italy needs and not a security threat or burden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### French pres. angry over tabloid story

**Overshadowed by** scandal. Hollande announces economic measures to encourage hiring Tuesday

Under pressure over a magazine report that he is having a secret affair with an actress, French President Francois Hollande conceded Tuesday he is going through "painful moments" with his companion, but otherwise sidestepped specifics on his personal life. Hollande's partner, journal-

ist Valerie Trierweiler, has been hospitalized since Friday, when the magazine Closer published photos it said proved Hollande's liaison. Speaking at a major news conference, Hollande said Trierweiler "is resting" but in-



"Evervone in his or her personal life can go through

ordeals — that's the case with us."

French President François Hollande

sisted that the venue in front of hundreds of reporters was "neither the place nor the moment" to discuss the issue.

The report in Closer showed photos of a man the magazine identified as Hollande wearing a motorcycle helmet and being ferried on the back of a small scooter to an alleged tryst with film actress Julie Gayet.

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#### Referendum: Egyptians vote on a new constitution

An Egyptian man flashes the victory sign as he lines up to vote in the country's constitutional referendum in Cairo on Tuesday. Upbeat and resentful of the Muslim Brotherhood, Egyptians voted on a new constitution that will pave the way for a likely presidential run by the nation's top general, Abdul-Fattah el-Sisi, months after he ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Who's my daddy, asks daughter in sperm scandal

#### **University of Utah.**

Hotline received 17 calls about possible tampering with semen at clinic once operated by faculty members

The suspect is dead, the fertility clinic where he reportedly replaced a customer's sperm with his own no longer operates, and the clinic left no records that might show the extent of the scandal, the University of Utah said Tuesday.

Officials say they may never get to the bottom of a complaint that a convicted felon working at the clinic two decades ago switched his



A 1998 booking photo of Thomas Ray Lippert provided by Salt Lake

sperm, leaving a now 21-yearold woman asking, "Who am

The mix-up happened in 1991, the clinic shut down

the following year and the suspect died in 1999.

The mother of the 21-yearold woman, Pamela Branum, has said she and her husband discovered a genetic mismatch in their daughter and were able to trace her lineage with help from relatives of the now-deceased fertility clinic worker, Thomas Ray Lippert.

Branum said she believes the university hasn't conducted a serious investigation and is trying to conceal the possibility of a wider scandal.

"I thought I was this person (of) my mom and my dad," the family's daughter told CBS affiliate KUTV. "Now, my dad is not my biological father. Who am I?"

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#### Australians keep their cool in heat wave

People jump into the sea to keep cool at St Kilda Beach on Tuesday in Melbourne, Australia. Temperatures are expected to reach over 40 C in parts of Victoria over the next four days. CRAIG SILLITOE/GETTY IMAGES

#### **Topless fashion shoot draws \$1M suit**

A fashion photographer is facing a lawsuit for taking pictures of a topless model on the observation deck of the Empire State Building.

The owners of the New York City landmark filed a \$1.1 million US lawsuit against Allen Henson for a set of photos he took in August.

According court papers filed Monday, Henson didn't apply for permission and never notified the building about his plans for the photo shoot. Building representa-

tives called it objectionable and inappropriate because the observation deck is a family and tourist attraction.

Henson says the view from atop the building is so breath-taking he didn't think anyone noticed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# The usual suspects: Wireless auction no serious threat to Big 3

#### Spectrum auction.

Bidding for the 700 megahertz waves shouldn't topple Bell, Rogers and Telus

Bidding for a coveted piece of Canada's wireless market started Tuesday.

Experts say the 700 megahertz waves up for auction are particularly valuable because they allow cellphone signals to travel longer distances and penetrate buildings and tunnels where calls are often dropped.

The signal also requires fewer cellphone towers to provide coverage in rural areas.

Ten players are in the game, including Canada's big three telecom companies: Bell, Rogers and Telus.

#### Fourth player?

The feds say they want a fourth national player in every region of the country to give consumers more choice and to help lower fees.

 A Scotiabank analyst said Tuesday regional telecom operator Quebecor may be interested in acquiring Mobilicity, a small and financially struggling wireless company that has been trying to find a buyer. Analyst Jeff Fan said Quebecor could potentially become a "solution to the government's fourth operator objective in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario"

Among regional bidders are Quebecor's Vidéotron in

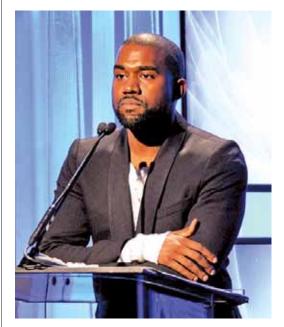
Quebec, MTS Inc. in Manitoba, Saskatchewan Telecommunications and Bragg Communications, which operates EastLink in Atlantic Canada. But Wind Mobile's parent, Globalive Communications, pulled out Monday due to a lack of funds.

It's expected to be weeks before Industry Canada discloses who won licences and how much they paid for them.

The previous auction in 2008 for different spectrum raised \$4.3 billion and ushered in a host of new players. But experts say lack of new competition means this auction won't likely raise as much money as expected, even though it's a more valuable piece of spectrum.

Hopes for foreign competitors to shake up the industry were dashed last fall when U.S. giant Verizon dropped the idea of expanding into Canada.

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### Yo, Coinye, I'm not gonna let you finish

Hip-hop star Kanye West filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court to stop production of "Coinye West" bitcoins, which he says unjustly cash in on his fame. West's lawsuit seeks to stop companies and individuals that have not yet been identified from exchanging the digital currency and also seeks unspecified damages for hurting West's reputation. As of Tuesday, the Coinye website stated, "Coinye is dead. You win, Kanye." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

#### Multiple subscriptions

#### We are still *very* attached to TV

The rumours of rampant cord-cutting have been exaggerated.

More than 2.5 million Canadian households will have multiple TV subscriptions, paying for TV through a traditional provider and at least one other online TV service, according to the Deloitte study, released Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### MUST LOVE DOGS, DRINKS, GOD

The Mona Lisa?

Fuhgeddaboudit! The ideal woman, according to the dating site Plenty of Fish, is: "A 25 year-old Catholic woman who owns a dog, describes herself as thin, and drinks alcohol three times a week.'

This paragon of femininity is likely to receive more messages than any other woman.

I don't know about you, but she sounds a little high-maintenance to me. A potential three hangovers a week when she stays in bed and you have to walk the stupid dog ... and then you're expected to go to church on Sunday while she tends to her guilty conscience.

Oh, and she's smarter than you are, as somehow she already has a graduate degree at 25.

Unlike previous ideals such as Mona and Helen of Troy, this vision of female perfection is not the obsession of some mooning poet with bad facial hair, but grounded in science: a just-re-



**Paul Sullivan** 

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leased survey of 81,000 online anglers at Plenty

So, as you're (literally) making up your online profile, here are some other science-based

Dogs are good, but only in the abstract. Women who post photos of themselves with the actual Rottweiler don't get as many messa-

-Don't state your age as 33, because 33-yearolds get the lowest number of messages. Further research (random numerology websites) shows 33 people described as: "Healers, compassionate, blessings, teacher of teachers, martyr, inspiration, honesty, discipline, bravery, courage." No wonder. Who can live up to that?

— Finally, whatever you do, drink. Women who say they abstain from alcohol get 24 per cent fewer messages.

I guess this profile says more about the guys doing the fish-

ing than the female fish. The ideal woman sounds like the proverbial Good Sport. I'm surprised she doesn't come with a plaid shirt and a pickup truck.

But it doesn't matter what guys want, does it? The ideal guy, as chosen by female fishers of men, earns between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year. It helps to have a doctorate, MD or law degree. And, of course, you want to have children, even if you're too busy earning \$150k to remember

You apparently don't have to worry about your age, but you should also have dark hair, so I presume that means you should still have hair. Also, the longer your, er, bio, the more likely you are to get a reply. Women like a man who can talk at length about himself. Right.

After reading this survey, I am no longer surprised about that other statistic: More than half of marriages end up in di-

Good thing there are still plenty of fish in the sea, even if they are 33.

#### **ZOOM**

### Hella wicked sight made of sound



#### **Helicopter noise** seen for first time

Scientists have revealed why helicopters produce the noise they do - by showing for the first time the sound waves from their rotor

Researchers from the German Aerospace Center in Göttingen developed a way of taking pictures of vortices that form at the blades' tips.

#### **Making vortices**

As the rotor blades punch through the atmosphere, they create a vortex at their tips, caused by a difference in pressure around the blade . (reduced pressure above the blade and an area of increased pressure below it).

As the rotors spin and hit the vortices of their adjacent blades, they produce the helicopter's distinctive "carpet beater" noise. **METRO** 

#### Copter rocks it

In this image, blade-tip vortices are visible as dark lines during a complete rotation of the main rotor.

The engine exhaust flows are perceptible as a noisy area trailing the helicopter. The tail rotor's vortex system is also visible (black, circular lines on the tail rotor). The helicopter is pictured performing a rocking manoeuvre. **METRO** 

#### **Experts track bent** light to spot sound

To photograph the vortices, scientists at DLR used a lighttracking technique called the Background Oriented Schlieren Method.

Light rays are refracted as they travel through sections of atmosphere with varying densities. This phenomenon is seen against a suitable background — in this case, a limestone quarry. METRO

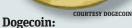


With Bitcoin becoming increasingly mainstream, hipster speculators and

economic-rollercoaster fans are looking elsewhere for their crypto-currency fix. Bitcoin's software is actually open source, meaning anyone can copy it and make their own version. Here are some people who did.

#### Litecoin:

Often described as "the silver to Bitcoin's gold," Litecoin was one of the first Bitcoin alternatives on the market. It's also seen a sharp rise in value, currently trading at about \$23 per coin. Unlike its predecessor - which required massive computing power to mine effectively — it's easier to mine



If you prefer your digital dollars in meme form, then Dogecoin is for you. Named after the smiling Shiba Inu dog  $who \, became \, the \, most \, popular \, Internet \,$ meme of 2013, the currency started as a joke but gained value as mo jumped on the bandwagon. Wow.

#### Letters

**RE: Health Authority to Probe** Deaths of 2 Patients Shortly after Hospital Discharge, published online Friday, Jan. 10

I just wanted to comment on the story about the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the two people that died ... it is a horrible

#### Who is expecting them?

"Someone should know that they are going home!"

thing! But I don't think they should be passing the blame on to the Taxi Cab Board.

Sure, they likely should have a policy in place to make sure people get into their houses ... however, that is not the main problem or fault here!

It is the fact that the hospitals are not getting people well before they send them home, PLUS they are not phoning a relative or caregiver that they are releasing these people. Someone should know that they are going home! Then the problem would not be happening

Rosemarie Menzies, Winnipeg

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# Chris Pine ready for duty as latest Jack Ryan recruit

#### **Man of many faces.** As the fourth Jack Ryan, Pine wants to 'stay true' to Tom Clancy's

famous character



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In your mind's eye when you picture ex-Marine turned CIA analyst Jack Ryan, who do you see?

Ís he a dark-haired, suave six-foot movie star with a hot temper and a racy Twitter account? Or maybe a world-weary fellow with a scar on his chin and a resemblance to Indiana Jones? Or how about the Red Sox fan formerly known as Bennifer?

Created by writer Tom Clancy, Jack Ryan is the lead character in nine novels and the star of five films. This weekend we'll see him uncover a Russian plot to destroy the U.S. economy with a terrorist attack in Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit.

Chris Pine, best known as Captain Kirk in the recently rebooted Star Trek series, is the newest member of the Ryanverse, and hopes to bring something new to the

"I can't be Alec Baldwin," he told Empire. "I can't be Harrison Ford. I can only really do my own thing and stay true to the pillars of this character.

Baldwin originated Ryan on screen in the 1990 hightech thriller The Hunt for Red October.

The movie could have been the beginning of a James Bond-esque franchise for Baldwin, but he left the series after just one outing despite the film being one of the top grossing movies of the year. In a Huffington Post blog he says he was pushed aside for another actor "with much greater strength at the box office.'

Baldwin doesn't name names, but Harrison Ford soon signed on, playing Ryan in Patriot Games and Clear and Present Danger.

Author Clancy, who passed away in 2013, was not a fan of the Ford years. He thought the two movies dumbed down his original stories and thought Ford was too old to play the role. "Giving your book to Hollywood is like turning your daughter over to a pimp,"

Next up was Ben Affleck,

Chris Pine stars as Jack Ryan in Jack Rya who took over in the 2002

prequel The Sum of All

"The day I received the offer to play Jack Ryan," said Affleck, "I was filming a

Pearl Harbor scene with Alec Baldwin. He was very sweet and said I should do it.

The part's originator has become the go-to guy with actors who sign up to play

Ryan. When he was offered the part, Pine was shooting Guardians of the Galaxy with Baldwin. "He urged me to hold onto it," said Pine, "and to attack it."

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### Big Bad Wolves has quite the bite

**Bloody great.** Violent Israeli thriller adored by Quentin Tarantino is a cinematic heavy hitter

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Though we haven't the foggiest how many new movies Quentin Tarantino actually watched last year, the maverick director's assessment of Israeli filmmakers Aharon Keshales and Navot Papushado's shattering revenge thriller Big Bad Wolves as "the best film of the year" is hyperbole worth considering. It's really that good.

"We met him in Busan film festival," Keshales told Metro of the event surrounding the screening QT saw.

"Mr. Tarantino came to see the film and at the end, during the Q and A, he raised his hand and said all the beautiful things he said about Big Bad Wolves. He also talked to Navot after the screening and gave us some advice. He did an amazing thing for our film and we feel blessed to have our idol endorsing our film"

Tarantino's thumbs up may have put Big Bad Wolves on the pop culture radar, but its power to shock and provoke is distinctly the work of its creators. Their 2012 sleeper



gem Rabies turned heads internationally and Wolves pushes that picture's blackly comic, ultra-violent ferocity into new, troubling and yet amusing directions.

In it, a rogue policeman and a desperate father kidnap and brutalize the mild-manner teacher they suspect is behind a spate of child murders. But that's just the meat and potatoes set-up of this masterful, serpentine shocker, one that treads a fine line between satire and outright horror show.

"When dealing with such a delicate subject, you have to trust your intuition and gut feeling," the director says.

"If you feel you're crossing a line then you're crossing a line. If you think you're doing something in a very bad taste then you're

doing it. Another recommendation is to give the script to the more delicate souls in your family, like my mother. If she can read it to the last page without tossing it away in shock then you did good. If she laughs, well you just managed to fiendishly manipulate the most tender heart in the

Violent, imaginative and super-stylish, the critically

revered Big Bad Wolves has firmly put the duo on the map as forces of dark fiction filmmaking and is paving the way for their next projects including a segment in the upcoming ABC's Of Death 2 as well as a surreal, typically violent, atypically Israeli, spaghetti western, currently in pre-production.

"Never in our wildest dreams have we thought we'd get such a strong international response (from our work),"says Keshales.

"After Rabies we decided to make a film that took the revenge theme to the absurd. We have a moral stand in Big Bad Wolves but still we didn't how people would react to this new approach and the things we have to say about the 'macho men' in our country."

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### Stewart 'terrified' to take on Equals

#### Fearing the future.

Actress says she can't believe she agreed to work on Drake Doremus' ambitious new sci-fi drama

Kristen Stewart has signed on to play the lead in Like Crazy director Drake Doremus' futuristic love story Equals, and it's making her a nervous

"I can't believe I agreed to do it," said the Twilight actress about her upcoming role in the sci-fi drama, which also stars Nicholas Hoult of the upcoming X-Men: Days of Future Past.

Stewart describes Equals as a slightly updated version of the 1956 film 1984, based on George Orwell's classic novel about rebellion in a repressed futuristic society. Equals begins filming later this year.

"I'm terrified of it," said the 23-year-old actress in a re-

"It's a love story of epic, epic, epic proportion. I'm scared.'

**Kirsten Stewart** On playing the lead in Equals

cent interview. "Though it's a movie with a really basic concept, it's overtly ambitious."

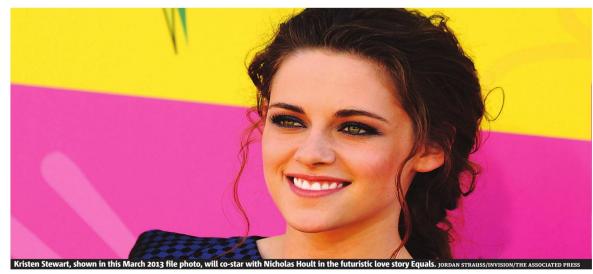
"In Equals, things go wrong because you can't

deny the humanity in every-one," said Stewart. "It's the most devastating story.'

Adds Doremus of his sixth film: "It's about love in a world where love really doesn't exist anymore."

Written by Nathan Parker (Moon), Equals is the first film Doremus will direct that he didn't write himself.
"I trust Drake's process

and I know we will do some-thing really natural and real," said Stewart. "But I told Drake, 'Don't expect that I am going to be able to do this. It's too hard.' But he wouldn't take 'no' for an answer. I've



given directors disclaimers before, but never this much." Jennifer Lawrence, who appeared in 2011's Like Crazy, was one of the first ac-

tresses to read Parker's script. Though the story brought her to tears, she couldn't see her-

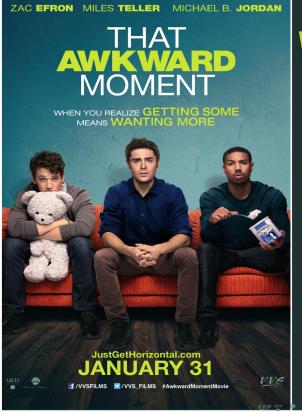
self in the role, said Doremus. "It became evident in my

head that Nick and Kristen would have great chemistry,' the director said.

This week, the actress heads to the Sundance Film

Festival in Park City, Utah, where she'll star in writerdirector Peter Sattler's soldier film Camp X-Ray.

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### Police scramble to crack case of egg-regious vandalism

Detectives searched Justin Bieber's home looking for surveillance footage that might serve as evidence the pop star was involved in an egg-tossing vandalism case that caused thousands of dollars in damage to a neighbour's home, an official said Tuesday.

Roughly a dozen investigators searched Bieber's home and arrested one member of the singer's entourage on suspicion of cocaine possession, Lt. David Thompson said

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The man was later identified as Lil Za, a rapper whose real name is Xavier Smith. Jail records show Smith, 20, was being held in lieu of \$20,000 US bail. Thompson said the cocaine linked to Smith was in plain sight when detectives searched Bieber's house.

Bieber, 19, was at the home and co-operated with authorities but was not interviewed by detectives. Thompson said he expected the singer to speak with detectives when his attorney could be present.

"He has not been arrested, nor has he been exonerated," Thompson said of Bieber. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Investigation underway after Kimye chiropractor confrontation

MELINDA TAUB

The Beverly Hills Police Department has some questions for Kanye West. The rapper allegedly

The rapper allegedly walked into a chiropractor's office on Monday and punched a young man who had been haranguing him and his fiancée, Kim Kardashian, with a torrent of racial slurs. Police have confirmed they are conducting an investigation into the incident.

ducting an investigation into the incident.
"On Monday, January 13th at approximately 12:15 PM, the Beverly Hills Police Department responded to the 8800 block of Wilshire Blvd.

regarding a Misdemeanor Battery that just occurred at the location. The named suspect was identified as Kanye West by the victim and several witnesses," the Beverly Hills Police said in a statement. "Mr. West had left the

"Mr. West had left the location prior to Officers' arrival. As of this writing, BHPD Detectives are conducting a follow-up investigation. No further information at this time."

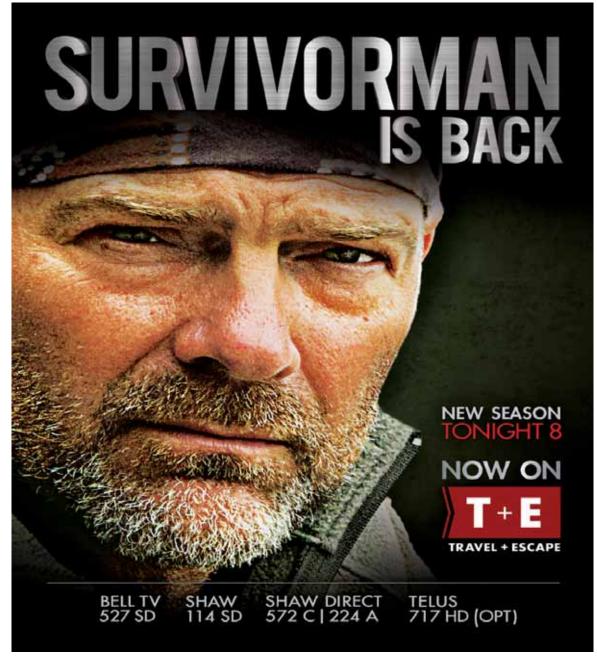
Apparently, the young man tried to help Kardashian into the medical building in Beverly Hills and started shouting slurs including the n-word at the paparazzi.

When Kardashian

When Kardashian asked him not to use the term, he allegedly cursed her off as well, repeating the slur. After Kim called Kanye

After Kim called Kanye for help, the young man cursed him out too. Of course I would never

Of course I would never condone violence, but I find myself very much with Team Kimye on this one.





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### Bikinis, beaches and birdies

#### Casa de Campo.

Dominican Republic resort boasts best golf course in the Caribbean



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In golf, as in fashion, it's impossible to overestimate the marketing clout of a bikini-clad supermodel.

Already a favourite among the game's cognoscenti, Casa de Campo instantly became a must-play destination for redblooded golfers everywhere when the posh Dominican Republic resort provided the tropical backdrop for Elle Macpherson and other beauties in the 1987 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

"Sports Illustrated was the breakthrough we'd been waiting for," says Montreal-born Gilles Gagnon, Casa de Campo's director of golf since 1980. "It showcased a unique course and an exotic Caribbean setting that golfers wanted to tick off their bucket list along with St. Andrews and Pebble Beach."

Today, Casa de Campo ranks among the world's elite resorts, attracting, among others, billionaires, former U.S. presidents and movie stars who come to golf, play polo, skeet shoot, frolic in the surf and otherwise enjoy a sprawling 7,000-acre retreat so big and ripe with possibilities that hotel guests are given golf carts to get

around the grounds.

But even more than Sports Illustrated, Casa de Campo's success has rested from its opening in 1971 on the brilliance of Teeth of the Dog, the marquee attraction of the property's three Pete Dye-designed courses. Dye, now 88, is renowned for his often radical designs at TPC Sawgrass and other celebrated courses. He was hired by then owners Gulf + Western to literally chisel a course from the oceanfront site's razor-sharp coral rock, called "dientes del perro" (teeth of the dog in Spanish) by his frustrated Dominican crew.

Planted sprig by sprig using machete-sharpened sticks, Dye's generous fairways wind through now mature stands of coconut palms, gumbo-limbo trees and bougainvillea. The real fun begins closer to the greens, where sand and water and severe drop-offs demand surgically precise approach shots. Most unforgettable of all are the seven oceanside holes, including the eponymous 16th, a long and treacherous par three set in a rock cove roughly shaped like a dog's snapping jaws.

A hands-on perfectionist, Dye, who used to own a home on the property, has spent half a lifetime tweaking and even massively reworking Teeth of the Dog and the resort's two other courses.

Reopened in early 2012 after a major reconstruction, The Links is a 6,900-yard inland layout played around man-made lakes and through tall roughs of bahia and guinea grass. And, perched on windswept bluffs

#### For the non-golfers

- Resort amenities. The hotel recently completed a \$40 million refurbishment and guests can enjoy the pool, spa and private villas.
- Polo anyone? There are weekly polo matches as well as skeet and trap shooting at the 300station shooting centre.

overlooking the Chavon River, Dye Fore, a rolling and starkly bare behemoth that launched to rave reviews in 2003, has been expanded from 18 to 27 holes. Dye Fore's new nine, Lakes, snakes dramatically around 25 acres of ponds.

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### Survive those winter airport blues

Over the last month, we've seen thousands of frustrated travellers delayed or stranded in airports across the country. With weeks of winter weather still ahead of us, here's a guick course in Winter Travel 101.



#### Flight cancelled?

If your flight is cancelled, you will be automatically re-accommodated on the next available flight. How soon depends on the frequency of service to your destination. The challenge during peak travel periods is that flights are often full. It could take days. If you initially have trouble re-booking your cancelled flight, it is worth checking back frequently as larger airlines like Air Canada may try to add more flights when extra crew and capacity become available. If your flight is cancelled, you are entitled to a refund for the unused portion of your ticket.





#### Flight delayed?

In the case of weather-related delays, there are no set rules that airlines in Canada have to follow. Each airline does, however, spell out its passengers' rights in its condition of carriage, a lengthy document that outlines exactly what compensation you can expect from your air carrier in case things go wrong. West-Jet will provide you, depending on the length of the delay, with meal and taxi vouchers as well as an overnight stay in a hotel if you are not in your home city. The compensation varies from airline to

#### It's all in the plan

Book the first flight out in the morning to ensure you are aren't waiting for your aircraft to arrive. Avoid layovers, and if you're heading south and need to make a connection, skip cities like Chicago and Boston and transfer through Miami and Houston, which are less affected by winter storms. If you can, only bring a carry on as it saves time on both ends. Consider buying interruption insurance, which will cover a portion of your unexpected expenses even if the causes are weather-related.



#### **Control your destiny**

Check the status of your flight before leaving for the airport, even if the sky is blue. Bad weather in another city can have a domino effect. Bring along phone numbers for the airline and your travel agent in case you need them. If there are big storms and cancellations, the sooner you can get re-booked the better. Don't rely on one person at the airline to help — think outside the box. If you're scheduled to fly from Fort Lauderdale, maybe you can get on a flight out of Miami. Don't forget to look into rental cars, buses or trains in





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### Building a winter wonderland

**Ice castles.** How a man turned creating ice towers for his kids into tourist attractions

Farming is tough during a New Hampshire winter you're growing icicles.

At the base of Loon Mountain in Lincoln, an ice castle not unlike the frosty palace in the Disney movie Frozen is rising from the ground, one icicle at a time. It's one of three ice castles being built by the same company — the others are in Breckenridge, Colo., and Midway, Utah — this winter.

Brent Christensen, who now lives in Hawaii, started his Ice Castles company a few years ago after spending several winters building elaborate slides and ice towers for his kids in his backyard in Utah. He initially sprayed water onto wooden frames, only to be left with a tangled mess of splintered wood in spring. The next year, he experimented with blocks of ice, building a small igloo



to which he added chunks of snow and ice.

"During that process, almost accidentally started thinking about icicles," he said. "At first it was just for cosmetics. I thought, 'This will look really cool.' And then, with time, I stumbled on the idea of crisscrossing the icicles, and that's when I found ... you can actually grow them in certain

Eventually, he approached ski areas about building larger structures that could serve as temporary art installations and tourist attractions, and the idea took off. It costs tens of thousands of dollars to build the castles, the largest of which spans about an acre, and visitors pay \$8 to \$10 US to walk through them. About 8,000 people have visited the New Hampshire castle since it opened Dec. 27.

The castles will continue growing during the season, until they melt in March. Walls that stand eight to 20 feet could reach 40 to 60 feet in the next month or so, and icicles placed along the tops of walls will become ceilings. But it takes a lot of work, said Cory Livingood, foreman of the New Hampshire castle's crew.

The process starts in the fall, with the installation of

"We're technically farmers. We grow icicles, we handpick them, harvest them, take them out and hand place them around sprinklers."

Cory Livingood, foreman of the New Hampshire castle's crew

elaborate sprinkler systems. When the weather turns cold, water is sprayed onto metal racks to produce thousands of icicles that are harvested and stuck to the ground around sprinkler heads. The icicles are then drenched in water and, depending on the temperature and wind, grow in various shapes and formations.

"We're technically farmers," Livingood said. "We grow icicles, we handpick them, harvest them, take them out and hand place them around sprinklers, and then we turn on those sprinklers and they grow

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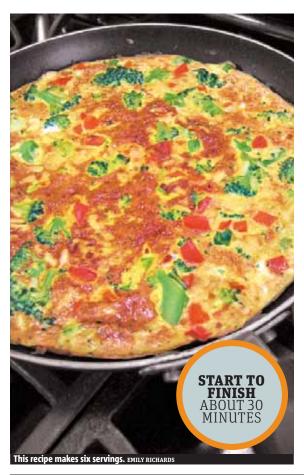






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# Quick dinner helps to clean out the fridge, too

Vegetable and Rice Frittata. This dish is great because of its versatility. Use leftover rice and veggies or add your own flavours



DINNER EXPRESS Emily Richards

This vegetarian frittata can be served up with a green salad. Busy night? Start your dinner with a warm bowl of soup and then take a wedge of this with you for a quick meal on the run. It's just as good the next day, served up for lunch with some pasta sauce.

This quick, simple dinner is also a wonderful way to clean out the fridge by using up leftover rice and perhaps even last night's cooked vege-

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1. In an 8 inch (20 cm) heatproof nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook shallot and garlic for 2 minutes or until softened. Stir in broccoli, red pepper and curry powder to coat. Add broth, cover and cook for 5 minutes or until broccoli is tender. Stir in rice to coat well.

2. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together eggs, egg whites, salt and ground pepper. Pour over vegetable mixture, lifting and stirring eggs into the mixture with a spatula. Cover and cook for about 8 minutes or until edges are set and puffed. Broil about 6 inches (15 cm) away from broiler for 2 to 4 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean and top is golden brown.

#### Cooking tips

- This recipe is a great way to use up leftover rice. Whether it is white or brown or sticky rice it will work well. No rice? No problem. When shopping, pick up precooked rice that is ready when you are, so there's no need to cook the rice at home and wait an extra 20 minutes to make the frittata.
- If using frozen broccoli, be sure to thaw if before for best results.
   The extra water will dilute the flavour in the frittata.
- This dish is also great with peas, potatoes, asparagus or zucchini if that is what you had in your fridge as leftovers.

#### Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 shallot, finely chopped2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped fresh or frozen broccoli
- Half red bell pepper, diced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) curry powder or paste
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) vegetable broth
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked brown rice
- 4 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and fresh ground black pepper

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# Don't wage war at the watercooler, solve conflict with care and class

Ban boardroom brawls. Fight the urge to approach workplace battles with animosity and aggression

#### SHAHEERAH KAYANI

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Have you ever gotten in a conflict at school with one of your project team members — or with a colleague at work?

Perhaps someone isn't showing up to meetings or contributing to a group task. Perhaps a personal issue has arisen with one of your coworkers.

These conflicts can leave you agitated and frustrated, whether they are personal, school-related or work-related.

Here are six handy conflict resolution tips that you may find useful in helping you to work through and settle these conflicts.

#### Talk directly

Rather than complaining to others and spreading rumours, it is best to talk directly with the person or persons involved in the issue. Taking a direct approach is definitely a lot more useful

#### Keep your emotions in check

If you're bringing negative energy to the discussion, the other person will feel antagonized and will likely get defensive.



Don't just talk, be a good listener too. You need to give the other person a chance to tell their side of the story. ISTOCK

and will be faster than if you try to get someone else to do the talking for you.

If you aren't sure about this approach, speaking to a superior or instructor is a great idea — they may have insight or advice.

#### Choose a good time and place

Make sure to consider the setting of any discussion or attempt to resolve conflict. You don't want to be discussing your personal issues in front of everyone else, or somewhere where you are likely to be interrupted or distracted. Try to

find a place where you can focus on the issue at hand. Choosing a good time will allow you to engage in a thorough dialogue to resolve the issue.

#### Choose your words carefully

This one is pretty self-explanatory. When tensions are high, the wrong choice of words can turn a productive discussion into a new stage of the problem. If you're bringing negative energy to the discussion, the other person will feel antagonized and will likely get defensive.

#### Plan ahead

Identifying the issue at hand and the necessary areas of discussion will make your resolution efforts more effective.

Try and get a clear

#### Follow up on the solution

- When you have figured out a mutually agreeable solution, make sure to periodically check in with each person to ensure the solution is still working well for both of you.
- Of course, not all conflicts can be resolved under your own authority, no matter how hard you try. Be ready to resort to taking the issue to an instructor or supervisor to ensure that a proper process is followed.

understanding of the issue at hand, who the involved parties are and what a solution that meets the needs of every party will look like. Concentrate on addressing the issue at hand and focus on your own behaviour and areas of responsibility.

#### **Give information**

This is arguably the most important step. Try not to make assumptions. Making a statement like: "You are doing this to make my job harder!" won't get you anywhere. Instead, try offering information: "When you do this, it affects me because..."

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### Hungry for a career that helps others?

Food for thought. A dietitian is a health-care career option worth digesting

ROSIE HALES

In Canada, opportunities for aspiring dietitians are more abundant than one might think. Check out this introduction to a dietitian's role and learn some of the perks of the job.

But don't get a dietitian confused with a nutritionist!

#### What exactly does a nutritionist do?

A nutritionist may have studied nutrition at a graduate level at an accredited institution.

In school, nutritionists study food and the body. Nutritionists identify and help eliminate any health issues that may be stem-



As a dietitian you could end up writing food columns for different media outlets, developing recipes or even writing cookbooks. ISTOCK

ming from certain foods.

They can help with food sensitivities or allergies and can also determine where any deficiencies in food intake may lie. Drawing on their expert knowledge, nutritionists can make sure that you don't miss out on any important food groups or nutrients.

#### How is that different from a dietitian?

Generally, dietitians are linked into the medical field and a visit to them will often be recommended by a doctor. Dietitians will have obtained a degree from an accredited institution and must be licensed in order to practice.

A dietitian might help plan food or nutrition programs to promote healthy eating or prevent or treat illness.

To call themselves a dietitian, they must pass a nationally accredited exam that will register them as a dietitian. In Canada, the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination is required by every province except Quebec.

#### Where could I end up working?

Job locations for dietitians aren't limited to a hospital setting. As a dietitian, you could be working at extended care facilities, public health centres, pharmaceut-

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Where can I go to school to become a nutritionist or a dietitian?

- If you want to work as a nutritionist or dietitian in Canada then you'll need either a master's or bachelor's degree in dietetics, nutrition, food and nutritional science or biochemistry.
- Working as a dietitian or nutritionist in Canada is an extremely rewarding career for anyone looking to hatch their career in healthcare. It's well worth investigating if you're passionate about food and want to use that passion to help others.

ical firms or educational and government institutions. You could also work in the food and drink industry or be a consultant. The possibilities are endless.

#### What kinds of work can I do?

Being a dietitian doesn't just include helping patients with gaining or losing weight or managing allergies. It can involve meal planning for busy families, athletes or those on a budget.

The chances of you being employed as a dietitian in North America are generally pretty good thanks to aging populations, which means that the need for dietitians is rising. There's also a growing consciousness about healthy eating, meaning people might be coming to you for advice more often.

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### Flames can't match Preds' fire power

NHL. Calgary fails to equalize despite 30-save night from Ramo, long overdue Stempniak goal

Ryan Ellis ended a 42-game scoring drought by notching the first of Nashville's three third-period goals and added an assist to lead the Predators to a 4-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

Shea Weber scored in the first period, Craig Smith and

On Tuesday

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Predators Flames

Viktor Stalberg followed Ellis with goals in the third, and David Legwand had three assists to help Nashville snap a three-game losing streak.

Lee Stempniak and Mikael Backlund scored for Calgary, which has lost four of its last five.

Weber opened the scoring at 15:52 of the first period.

With Nashville on a power play, Roman Josi sent a pass from above the right faceoff circle to Weber above the left, where he blasted a one-timer over the glove of Karri Ramo.

The Predators entered Tuesday with the league's seventh-ranked power play but had not scored a goal on the man advantage in their last four games.

A night after recording his first career NHL shutout in

Carolina, Ramo got the start Tuesday and made 30 saves.

The Flames drew even with 1:04 remaining in the first.

From behind the Nashville net, Jiri Hudler carried the puck just above the goal line on the left side and slid a pass to an unchecked Stempniak in the lower part of the right faceoff circle, and his shot beat Carter Hutton for his seventh goal of the season.

Stempniak's goal was his first since Dec. 7, a span of 17 games.

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MLB

#### Cy Young winners arbitration bound

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Cy Young Award winners Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Max Scherzer of the Detroit Tigers headed 146 players who filed for salary arbitration Tuesday.

Players are set to swap proposed salaries with their clubs Friday, and hearings will be scheduled for next month in St. Petersburg, Fla. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australian Open

#### Li beats Bencic, heat in Round 2

Coming from one of China's three "Stove Cities" had its benefits for Li Na on another scorching day at the Australian Open.

The 2011 French Open champ from Wuhan raced through the first set against 16-year-old Belinda Bencic in 22 minutes on Wednesday, conceding just 10 points. She had to work harder in the second, with temperatures topping 39 C before winning 6-0, 7-6 (5).

NHL

#### Jagr has historic night vs. Habs

Jaromir Jagr moved into seventh place all-time in NHL goals as the New Jersey Devils downed the Montreal Canadiens 4-1 on Tuesday night.

The 41-year-old got his 695th goal in his 1,438th career game, moving him past Mark Messier. On Saturday, he passed former teammate Mario Lemieux for seventh place in points with 1,724. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### Cross-country ski team expects banner Olympics

Sochi 2014. Several Alberta athletes among 11 skiers named to Olympic team in Calgary

Canada's cross-country ski team is poised to make Olympic history next month.

While Canadian women have stood on the Olympic podium in the sport, a Canadian man never has.

Led by Alex Harvey of St-Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que., and Devon Kershaw of Sudbury, Ont., that drought could end on the Psekhako Ridge in Sochi,

The hard goal of Canada's cross-country team is to claim at least two medals in Sochi.



chance at winning them this time

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"I really feel if this team doesn't get two medals I'll feel a bit of disappointment or maybe we did something wrong," Canadian head coach Justin Wadsworth said. "That doesn't mean we're incapable of four or five medals.'

The 11 skiers who will represent Canada in Sochi were introduced Tuesday at an elementary school, with six being present for the announcement. . Harvey, Kershaw, Ivan Babikov of Canmore, Daria Gaiazova of Banff, and Perianne Jones of Almonte, Ont., were in Europe and en route to a World Cup event in Poland.

Chandra Crawford and Jesse Cockney of Canmore, Toronto's Lenny Valjas, Graeme Killick of Fort McMurray, Heidi Widmer of Banff and Emily Nishikawa of Whitehorse will join their teammates in Italy next week for pre-Games training.

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#### Tuesday's results

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Tuesday's results
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### Canada's very own Micra

**Review.** It's been 21 years since it was last sold here but now Nissan has decided to bring it back and 'Canadianize' it

#### MIKE GOETZ

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Currently sold in 160 countries, the Nissan Micra subcompact hatchback is a very successful global car.

But it's always been a no-show in the U.S., and it's been 21 years since it was last sold in Canada for an unremarkable seven-year run.

Nissan Canada just announced it will try the Micra experiment again, this time with feeling, and with a very "Canadianized" version, which will be exclusive to Canada. Nissan's U.S. arm is still not Micra motivated, and won't be selling any Micra versions any time soon.

Historically, the Canadian marketplace has always been populated with Canada-only models not sold in the U.S., but they're getting scarcer on the ground, and with what Nissan Canada had to go through, to make this new Micra happen, you can see why...

"It was in development for three years solid," says Andrew Wilton, Nissan Canada's chief marketing manager, and one of the Nissan execs on hand for the model's first unveiling, at a special event in Montreal last week. "You wouldn't believe the amount of engineering that went into it."

The Canadian 2015 Micra will be built at Nissan's Mexican plant, which has been building Mexican-market



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sion. Wilton and Nissan Canada are really proud of that suspension.

They took the best Micra suspension component set up they could find globally, in that European market Micra, and made it even better, by adding those sway bars: "No other market has a front or rear sway bar," boasted Wilton.

The car also gets the European 15 and 16 inch wheels, because Nissan Canada liked the looks of them, and Canadians use winter tires, and those are harder to come by on the smaller 13 and 14 inch wheels featured on the Micra models in other markets.

"That's the beauty of a global car. You can pick and choose from every single market. We selfishly like to think we did a really good job at the picking and choosing," added Wilton.

The Micra is smaller than the Nissan Versa Note, but shares the same V-platform, which underpins a lot of

#### 2015 Nissan Micra

- Type. Subcompact four-door hatchback
- **Engine.** 1.6-lite four-cylinder engine
- Transmissions. 4-speed automatic or 5-speed manual
- Base price (incl. destination).
   Nissan said it will be lower than their \$13.3K Versa Note

#### Exclusive Canadian club

The Canadian marketplace has always featured vehicles not sold in the U.S., but we're seeing less and less of them. Here are a few past and Canadian-market models that were, or are, persona non grata in the U.S., 1959 Dodge Viscount; 2000 Toyota Echo Hatchback; 2005 Acura EL 1.7, 2009 Mercedes-Benz B-Class.

small Nissans (V stands for versatile). Micra's engine will also be the same 1.6-litre "four" toiling away in Versa Note, but Micra will go with a five-speed manual or conventional four-speed automatic; Versa's automatic is a CVT.

Keeping the "higher-technology" pieces on the Versa Note is Nissan's strategy to give the two small hatchbacks some separation on the sales floor and on the price ladder. So don't expect stuff up-market options like heated seats, navigation, and 360-degree monitor on the Micra.

Versa Note's base price is \$13,348. Micra's will be lower than that, but Nissan is not saying by how much exactly, at least not yet.



Micras for years, but Wilton said the Canadian version is closer to the European version. "We looked at the Mexican car, but it just wasn't right for us. We wanted more of the European touches."

In fact, the launch of the Canadian car was timed to coincide with the European model's mid-cycle revision, just completed in 2013.

Some of the "Canadaonly" items on this Micra include ducts for rear-seat heating, 60/40 split folding rear seat, heated side mirrors, and front and rear sway bars for the suspen-



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### Automotive eye candy is coming

Autoknow. In a world that seems incapable of keeping secrets, the Detroit Auto Show still has a surprise or two up its sleeve

#### TODD D. BURLAGE

The 2014 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, Mich., won't likely have the punch of the 2013 event.

Why? The Corvette was a huge draw a year ago. And with the international debut of the 2015 Ford Mustang already having taken place in December, this year's NAIAS will launch Jan. 18 to the general public without the draw of a clear headline act.

But what the NAIAS will lack in the revelations of iconic vehicles, it will likely make up for with a wide variety of debuts from many of the premier manufacturers around the world. More than 20 top autobuilders have confirmed vehicle launches during the show, including Acura, Bentley, BMW, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Ford, Honda, Infiniti, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Porsche, Toyota and Volkswagen.

"The manufacturers continue to show their confidence in the NAIAS, and will once again bring their absolute best to Detroit's world stage," said Bob Shuman, chairman of this year's show. "That means introductions of an expected 50 worldwide concept and production vehicles that will be seen for the very first time right here

Almost 30,000 industry professionals, 5,000 journalists and 750,000 visitors will converge on the Cobo Center in Detroit

for the Super Bowl of auto shows that ends Jan. 26. "The manufacturers made it abundantly clear that this show and the global stage it provides is of critical importance to their vehicle launch strategies," said 2013 show chairman Jim Seavitt.

As expected, every vehicle type — more than 500 models total —will be displayed on more than 60 exhibitor stages throughout the 2.4 million square-foot Cobo Center.

Many manufacturers are keeping their reveal plans hidden in the garage, but a few details have leaked on what show visitors can expect. Following are some of the most anticipated vehicle debuts scheduled for Detroit.

#### 2014 BMW 2 Series Coupe

Bavarian Motor Works is creating arguably the most buzz of any manufacturer as it readies to pull the covers off of not one, not two, but three important vehicle launches in Detroit. The most anticipated of the three surrounds the 2 Series, which is a two-door coupe designed and built to replace the aging 1 Series. The new car will be a late-2014-modelyear arrival when it goes on sale in March. The 2 Series is about nine centimetres longer that the 1 Series and has more space between the front and rear wheels, meaning more cabin and storage space. Why call it a 2 Series? BMW is rejigging its number sequencing with even digits being assigned to two-door models. Two models will be available at launch: the base 228i; and the sportier M235i. BMW will also unveil its all-new M3 performance sedan and M4 coupe in Detroit.

#### 2015 Mercedes-Benz C Class

Hoping to attract even more popularity to its best-selling model, Mercedes-Benz will

and wider C Class coupe that the company touts as "a bold departure from its predecessor," a classic model that has already sold more than 2.4 million units worldwide. By adding more aluminum in construction - almost 50 per cent compared to 10 per cent in the outgoing C Class car - the new vehicle sheds about 100 kilograms from the existing model, a weight reduction that Mercedes-Benz says will help cut fuel consumption by about 20 per cent and greatly improve handling and agility. An air suspension will be available for the first time in the C Class, with three engine options to choose from at launch. The C180 and the C200 models feature 1.6- and 1.9-litre powerplants. The C220 CDI carries a 2.1-litre turbo-diesel. A hybrid model will also be added to the C Class catalog later this year.

#### 2015 Lexus RC F

Based on a couple of teaser photos from Lexus, the RC F is a high-performance version of the RC coupe that was unveiled at the Tokyo Motor Show in November. According to Autoblog.com, the new RC F will be the hit of the Lexus lineup in Detroit, with a V8 engine that will produce up to 460 horsepower, and with similar styling and design cues featured on the LF-CC concept car that was unveiled at the 2012 Paris Motor Show.

#### 2015 Honda Fit

Honda promises that its third-generation Fit will feature fresher styling, more space and improved fuel efficiency. An all-new platform and powertrain is also expected to improve performance for a popular





subcompact that has sold nearly five million units in 123 different countries since its introduction in 2001.As the new-car buyer continues to crave lower fuel consumption, Honda promises that the new Fit hybrid will not only deliver terrific efficiency

but better performance and some of the best safety features in its class. Add to these four anticipated production models the debuts of some intriguing concept vehicles such as the bold-looking John Cooper Works model from Mini and the Formula One

racing inspired Q50 from Infiniti, and the hosts of NAIAS vow that the 2014 show will be want for nothing. "It's what we've been working on since last January," Shuman said of the massive event preparations. "This show is going to rock."

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### Toyota's FT-1 concept has universal appeal

#### **2014 Detroit Auto**

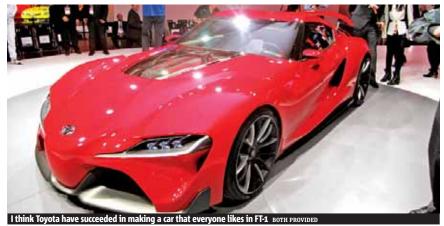
**Show.** Japanese automaker decided to indulae itself and show a stunning vision of where the company is headed for the future



The Toyota FT-1 concept debuting in Detroit this week portends what a front-engine, reardrive Toyota flagship sports car might look like, if Toyota was so inclined to build one.

It was totally designed at Toyota's Calty design studio in California, and the chief designer there, Alex Shen, tells us that the main design theme was to leverage and celebrate the "functional aspects of a sports car."

"If you look at the surfacing and construction, you can see everything is based on downforce and cooling needs," says



Shen. As such, the air intakes and outtakes are where a lot of the FT-1's visual horsepower is made, with very graceful and dramatic sculpting.

"We didn't just want to make very mechanical holes. The sculpting is actually in the holes, in the negative surfacing."

The other curves and body-

work are also all about doing what they can for engine cooling, aerodynamics, and cleaning up "dirty air." When Calty

talked to Toyota's "race guys" (the department known as TRD), the race guys said dirty air around the wheel arches is a particular problem on the racetrack. The FT-1 has crazy wheel flares and tight body-towheel tolerances, but it's not for show — it's all for go.

At higher speeds a retractable rear wing also deploys and tilts forward to improve weight distribution.

Shen said the vehicle is "authentically aerodynamic."

"just for function" ethos continues to the tiny cabin, which is just big enough to cover the driver and passenger, and the soft seat materials exist only where they meet human body parts.

"Nothing is excessive," says

I guess I get what he means, but everything works toward an excessively dramatic sports car concept. It's a showstopper for sure, and a bit of a reversal for Toyota, which has

or is a good example of the designers' 'just for function' eth historically only green-lighted vehicle designs if they satisfied a lot of consensus-based tests,

such as consumer and market studies, and internal juries.

"The goal was to produce a vehicle liked by everyone," said Kevin Hunter, who heads up Calty, and who had the honours of introducing the concept in Detroit. "As a result we took less risk, and tried not to stray too far from designs that had been a success."

Hunter said Toyota is mov-

ing away from such consensus decision processes, so more emotionally engaging products, like the FT-1, can be created: "This is a symbol of Toyota's design future, a spiritual pace car for a changing

No production plans or any technical specifications for the FT-1 were revealed, though Shen said many elements of the design should show up on future Toyota products.

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### All hail the plow: Snow body does it better

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When the weather turns icy, you simply toss some salt on your driveway. But municipalities have to do far more than that to keep the streets clear whenever snow and ice are in the forecast.

"We use two forms of salt," says Uldis Siksna, manager of maintenance and operations for the Region of Durham. "We have salt brine and solid rock salt."

Before a storm or freezing temperatures arrive, trucks spray brine on dry roads, a process known as anti-icing. "This liquid salt dries up and

leaves the salt residue on the road, which shows up as white lines," Siksna says.
"You're trying to prevent a bond from forming between the roadway and any freezing rain, snow, or ice pellets. It's easier to keep the surface of the road clear when it's time to plow."

Once the snow flies, plows go out to clear it away, and to scatter rock salt on the road. Some trucks spray liquid brine onto the rock salt just before it's spread, which is called pre-wetting. This helps keep the salt from bouncing too much, and also speeds up the melting process.

Salt lowers the freezing point of water, which is why salted ice melts at temperatures below freezing, but it does have its limits. Salt is basically ineffective below -20

Municipalities with very cold winter temperatures use sand instead, which provides traction. It's more environmentally-friendly than salt, which can damage concrete and vegetation, but it's not viable in milder regions, where it would regularly wash off the roads and need to be reapplied. "There are huge costs associated with getting rid of sand," Siksna says, adding that it clogs

Each municipality has its own routines for handling snow and ice, which can depend on what type of trucks it has and how many, the type of roads, and its budget. Some add calcium chloride to their brine, which works at even lower temperatures, while a few, including Toronto, use a liquid made from sugar beets.

It's easier on the environment than salt, but far more expensive. But no matter where you are, one rule applies: be cautious around snow

"People try to pass a plow, and they're passing on a portion that hasn't been cleared,"

"They lose control and they hit the plow, or they hit someone head-on, or they go into the ditch. Eventually the plow finishes its circuit and turns off, so stay behind it."

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#### Reduce travel travails

To keep the kids and possibly your-self occupied on long road trips, try turning off your various electronic devices once in a while and instead bring out



the Auto Bingo travel game from Kids Love Travel. Each reusable game card requires the player to spot different items they might see on the journey, such as road signs, vehicle types (police car, fire truck, bus), buildings, animals and so on. And there's no need for tokens or messy markers to keep score as you simply slide a tinted plastic cover over the image. Choose from traffic safety, interstate and general-interest themes. A set of four Auto Bingo cards sells for \$8 plus shipping. Order Auto Bingo at kidslovetravel.

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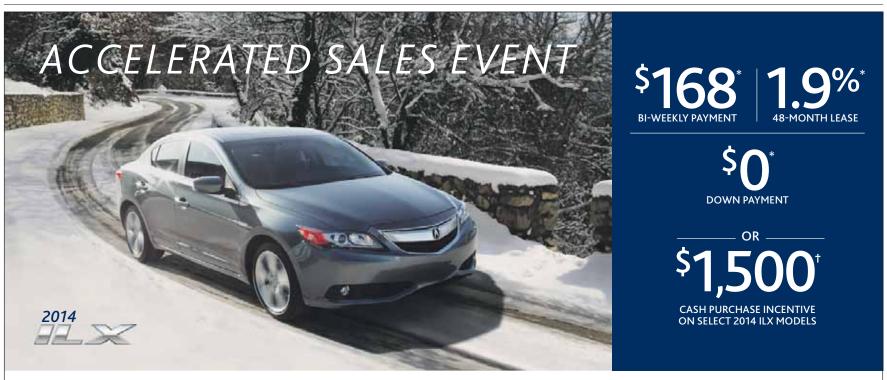
a number of retail and online sources including ebay.com. For the full Tail-Mate story, go to truckcoversusa.com.

#### GT40 timepiece

The Ford Motor Company spent millions of dollars to develop a car that would beat Ferrari and become the first U.S. entry to win the yearly 24 Hours of Le Mans endur-



ance race. In 1966 that goal was realized, with the Ford taking the top-three spots with its teams piloting GT40 racecars. To honor that nearly half-century-old event, California-based scale specialty-car maker Exoto has created the Anton Grey Mk II Sports Chronograph. Only 66 watches will be offered for sale, with each featuring the winning GT40's number (driven by New Zealand's Bruce McLaren and Chris Amon). Other features include a large 44-millimeter face and a black stitched leather strap. The Anton Grey sells for \$7,800, or a scale replica of the winning GT40 is \$1,000. Visit



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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

#### **↑** Aries March 21 - April 20

The full moon's influence will pull your emotions first one

way then the other over the next 48 hours. So the safest course of action is to ignore them completely and act only on what your head tells you.

#### **Taurus** April 21 - May 21

You would like nothing better than to turn your back on the past and start again but you know it isn't practical. Make the most of the situation you find yourself in. It's not that bad.

#### II Gemini May 22 - June 21

You may lose your temper with someone who lets you down. But don't feel bad about it because you are not the only one whose emotions are up in the air. Even Geminis get annoyed once in a while.

#### Gancer

June 22 - July 23

What happens tomorrow, when the moon is full in your sign, may seem extreme. But who says life is fair? Others have the power to make the rules and you don't, so adapt.

#### $\Omega$ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will fall out with someone today, most likely because you cannot agree on issues of a philosophical nature. Fortunately, you will also find it easy to make up and be friends again.

#### **W** Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As tomorrow's full moon cuts across one of the outspoken areas of your chart, you won't be tactful when dealing with people whose opinions you do not share. But why should you be when you are right?

#### **△** Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Are you in charge of your emotions or are they in charge of you? If you are honest, it will most likely be the latter. Whatever happens, don't let your fears damage your career.

#### M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The tensions in one area of your life have almost reached breaking point but that need not be as bad as it sounds. In fact, it could even be good if it clears away all the resentments you've been saving up these past few months.

#### **プ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Tomorrow's full moon makes it likely that you will clash with someone over money. But don't take it seriously because in a matter of days neither of you will be able to remember what it was all about.

#### り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't let your emotions get the better of you over the next few of days. Others can rush about like it's the end of the world but you will remain cool and with full self-control.

#### Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You seem to be in a fighting mood but don't lose sight that while some things are worth fighting for, others are not. Pick your battles carefully and make sure your enemy is worthy.

#### ) ( Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It will pay you to steer clear of touchy subjects over the next going on that you disapprove of but will getting involved on

#### Crossword: Canada Across and Down

#### Across

- 1. Cooling device 4. Soldier date for Barbie: 2 wds. 9. Store areas [abbr.] 14. Author Mr. Levin 15. Wearer of the
- black tutu in Swan Lake 16. Love, in Venice 17. Montreal area,
- lettered 18. Origin for medical-grade marijuana: 2 wds.
- 20. Bean-yielding trees
- 22. Sheepish response to "Where'd that last piece of cake go?": 3 wds.
- 23. "Sheesh.": 2 wds. 24. Eden offspring 27. Ms. Sommer
- 28. Crying sounds 29. Songwriter, Jimmy
- 30. Crate strip 31. Hamilton radio
- station, K-34. Ancient Greece's war god 36. 18-3224
- Purple hue that is Pantone's 'Color of the Year' for 2014 41. And others, for short
- 42. Bug's midsection 44. Dress lines
- 48. Nautical ropes 50. Alone 51. Nursemaid
- 52. Mixture 53. \_\_ Park (Thomas Edison's home/lab site in New Jersey) 54. Change a moniker

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- 56. Ukraine port city 58. Type of police bust: 2 wds. 61. Sundial number
- 63. Like an omelet 64. Was resentful,
- grudge 65. \_\_. \_ (Julius Erving, to basketball fans)
- 66. Ms. Witherspoon 67. Bathroom cleanser

#### 68. "Omigod!"

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5. Thought: Prefix

8. Three-lettered fish

9. Olympic swimming

puzzle

great Ms. Torres

10. Overacts

7. 'Pay' suffix

- Down 1. In shape 2. Football-on-TV watcher, quarter-
- back 3. Community in BC's Okanagan Valley

11. Coastal city of BC,

12. Three-horsed Rus-

- 13. Set of seven 19. Stage show
- collaborators, & Sullivan
- 21. Surveyed

River

sian carriage

- 23. Night flapper 25. 1964: "Ladies and gentlemen... The
- 26. River of Spain
- 32. Giant's cry of disgust
- 33. 1497: John Cabot's ship, The 35. Principal's employer, for short
- 37. Quebec water brand
- 38. Sprays 39. TV series that
- starred Canadian actor Raymond Burr 40. Canadian Sen-
- ator/humanitarian, Romeo
- 43. Tic-Tac-Toe line
- 44. Current PM 45. Arise
- 46. Horsemanship
- academy 47. Sunglasses
- 49. Sandbanks
- 53. Athlete's prize
- 55. Formed 57. "Thank You"
- songstress
- 59. Oilers org.
- 60. King: Spanish
- 62. Alphabetic trio

#### Yesterday's Crossword

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

#### Yesterday's Sudoku

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